GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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TASK FORCE TO ENCOURAGE INVOLVEMENT OF PRIVATE SECTOR IN WDP
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted a Task Force to encourage involvement of private sector in the Wasteland Development Programme (WDP); and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its terms of reference?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNA SAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a) & (b) The Department of Land Resources in the Ministry of Rural Development have constituted a Task Force for linkage with Credit Institutions for wastelands/watershed development with the following composition :

1. Secretary, Min. of Rural Development Chairman

2. Add!. Secretary (Land Resources), Member
Min. of Rural Development

3. AddI. Secy & Financial Adviser, Member
Min. of Rural Development

4. Chief Executive Officer, Member
Indian Banks Association, Mumbai

5. A Representative from Reserve Bank of India Member

6. A Representative from National Bank for Member
Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD).

7 Commissioner (Rural Development), Member
Govt. of Andhra pradeSh

8. Secretary (Rural Development), Member
Govt. of Madhya Pradesh

9. Joint Secretary (Wastelands Development), Member Convenor
Min. of Rural Development

The terms of reference include identifications of lead-activities and appropriate technologies in a regionally differentiated manner as also the requisite policy environment to encourage and promote Corporate Sector involvement in wastelands development through the mobilization of additional resource support. With regard to development of watershed projects, the Task Force will identify the borrowers, spell out recovery arrangements and methods of sensitization of the users-communities to the financial discipline required, indicate the manner of cross subsidization of the responsibility towards repayment in order to best address issues of poverty, backwardness and the enhancement of quality of rural livelihoods in a holistic, participatory and eco-friendly mode..